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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1673

Introduced by Assembly Members Nation and Richman

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 130063.2 and 130065 of, and to repeal Sections 130060 and 130063 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to seismic safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1673, as amended, Nation. Seismic and patient safety.

Under existing law, after January 1, 2008, any general acute care hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of collapse or pose significant loss of life may only be used for nonacute care hospital purposes, unless granted an extension of 5 years to that deadline. Existing law requires owners of all acute care inpatient hospitals, by January 1, 2030, to either demolish, replace, or change to nonacute care use all hospital buildings not in substantial compliance with the regulations and standards developed by the office or to seismically retrofit all acute care inpatient hospital buildings so that they are in substantial compliance with the regulations and standards developed by the office.

This bill would repeal the 2008 deadline and related provisions, and would require the 2030 deadline to, instead, be met by 2020.

The bill would provide that its provisions would not become operative until and unless AB 1672 is enacted and becomes operative and effective.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 130060 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is repealed.

3 SEC. 2. Section 130063 of the Health and Safety Code is
4 repealed.

5 SEC. 3. Section 130063.2 of the Health and Safety Code is
6 amended to read:

7 130063.2. Notwithstanding Section 130063, an existing
8 county-owned general acute care hospital building may receive a
9 one-year extension of the January 1, 2002, deadline for the
10 Non-structural Performance Category-2 requirements in Title 24
11 of the California Code of Regulations if all of the following
12 conditions are met:

13 (a) The existing hospital building is removed from general
14 acute care service on or before January 1, 2003.

15 (b) Construction of the replacement building that will meet
16 the 2020 nonstructural and structural deadline requirements,
17 which commenced before January 1, 2001, is completed by
18 January 1, 2003.

19 SEC. 4. Section 130065 of the Health and Safety Code is
20 amended to read:

21 130065. In accordance with the compliance schedule
22 approved by the office, but in any case no later than January 1,
23 2020, owners of all acute care inpatient hospitals shall either:

24 (a) Demolish, replace, or change to nonacute care use all
25 hospital buildings not in substantial compliance with the
26 regulations and standards developed by the office pursuant to the
27 Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act and this
28 act.

29 (b) Seismically retrofit all acute care inpatient hospital
30 buildings so that they are in substantial compliance with the
31 regulations and standards developed by the office pursuant to the
32 Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act and this
33 act.

34 Upon compliance with this section, the hospital shall be issued
35 a written notice of compliance by the office. The office shall
36 send a written notice of violation to hospital owners that fail to
37 comply with this section.

1 *SEC. 5. This act shall not become operative until and unless*
2 *Assembly Bill 1672 of the 2003-04 Regular Session is enacted*
3 *and becomes operative and effective.*

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